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## WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON CLOSES ON JANUARY 31

After January 31, it will be unlawful, under the regulations of the migratory-bird treaty act, to hunt wild ducks and geese, coots, gallinules, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe in New Jersey, Delaware, that portion of New York known as Long Island, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, and Arizona. In all other States the season closed on December 31 or January 15.

The Federal bird law protecting birds migrating between the United States and Canada is administered by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture and provides that birds killed during the open season may be possessed for an additional period of ten days following the end of the season where killed. Hunters are warned by the Biological Survey that the possession of the carcasses of wild ducks, geese, or other migratory game birds in cold-storage plants or elsewhere after February 10 will subject them to prosecution in Federal courts.

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